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Reply Under 37 CFR §1.116 INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir,

In response to the Final Official Office Action mailed July 31, 2003, and having a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply, please enter the following amendment to the above-identified patent application. Applicant submits that the amendment to the claims overcomes the earlier rejection or alternatively presents the claims in better form for appeal.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration or further examination of the claimed invention and consideration of the remarks herein.

Included herewith is a request for a refund pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26(a) as the fee payment authorized in the preceding response was in excess of the amount required.